

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That five new sections be and they are hereby added to the Montgomery County Code (1939 Edition—being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title “Montgomery County”, to be under sub-title “Purchasing Bureau”, said new sections to be known as Sections 830 to 834, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 829 of said Code and Article, and to read as follows:

830. There is hereby created and established a Purchasing Bureau for Montgomery County, the head of which shall be a Purchasing Agent to be appointed by the County Commissioners of said County for a term of four years, the said Purchasing Agent shall receive such salary and have such assistants and clerks as the said County Commissioners shall determine from time to time. The said Purchasing Agent shall furnish a fidelity bond to said Board of County Commissioners in the penalty of \$25,000.

831. (a) Every department, board, commission, bureau, division, institution and agency of the County, and every other duly authorized agency of Government, except the Liquor Control Board, that spends for the purchase of supplies, money raised by the annual tax levy of the Board of County Commissioners against the taxable property of Montgomery County, hereinafter called the using authorities, shall purchase all materials, supplies and equipment, through or with the approval of the Purchasing Agent, except that the educational and technical supplies of the County Board of Education may continue to be purchased as the County Board of Education may determine. And the Board of County Commissioners may authorize by formal resolution any bi-county commission or other agency of government, including the County Board of Education, the Purchasing Department of which Commission or agency of Government is approved in such formal resolution by the Board of County Commissioners, to make directly and on their own account, any and all purchases even though such purchases will be paid for in whole or in part with money raised through the annual tax levy of the Board of County Commissioners. The Purchasing Agent is authorized by this Act to purchase for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Liquor Control Board upon such terms and conditions as may be approved by that Commission or Liquor Control Board and the Board of County Commissioners. It shall be the duty of the Purchasing Agent to prescribe rules and regulations under which estimates of the needs of using authorities shall be submitted, and requisition made, and under which contracts for purchases may be made.